



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

### THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

#### **Senate Bill 99: AAC Permitting Condominium Associations to Benefit From The Clean Energy Fund Programs**

February 3, 2011

#### **TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL**

This bill establishes the "condominium renewable energy and efficient energy grant account" in the Clean Energy Fund. The Department of Public Utility Control, (DPUC), supports the intent of this bill. More specifically, the bill requires Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated (CII), in consultation with the Department of Public Utility Control and the Clean Energy Fund board, to establish a condominium renewable energy and efficient energy grant program. CII must make grants under the program to condominium associations for (1) converting to more efficient heating systems in common areas or within individual units or (2) purchasing renewable energy sources, including solar energy, geothermal energy, and fuel cells or other energy-efficient hydrogen-fueled energy.

While, it is the DPUC's understanding that condominium associations and tenants are currently eligible to apply under the Clean Energy Fund's programs, it recognizes that this bill will provide further clarity and support for this particular market in accessing funding for the above noted energy efficiency programs. However, the DPUC does not believe it is necessary to create a distinct nonlapsing account within the Clean Energy Fund to achieve such a goal. The DPUC believes that the intent of this proposal can be met by providing clearer statutory direction as to the nature of the programs the Clean Energy Fund must develop.

The DPUC thanks the Committee for this opportunity to provide testimony and looks forward to working with the Committee on this matter.